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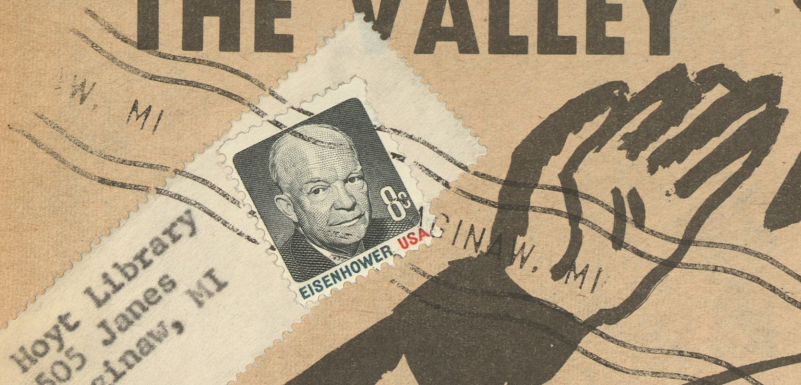

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March Of Dimes Tea

by CHARLENE COLVIN

On Sunday afternoon, January 23, the members of the Saginaw Study-Culture held their annual March of Dimes Tea at the First Ward Community Center. The tea signals the beginning of the March of Dimes fund drive, from which funds are contributed for research on birth defects, polio, and other diseases affecting children.

The members of the Study-Culture Club are known for their elegant entertainments and Sunday's tea was no exception. The long table in the Community Center's small dining room was decorated with a lovely centerpiece of lavender flowers. At one end of the table, the club's queen, lovely Marti Williams, reigned over a gleaming silver coffee service, while a huge cut-crystal punch bowl, a prized personal treasure of club president, Juanita Taylor, adorned the opposite end of the table. And in between were bowls and trays of nuts, mints, candies, cookies, and tiny finger sandwiches and canapes of all colors and flavors, a specialty of both Mrs Marion Hardaway and Mrs David Hayes.

A new and very special feature of this year's tea was the presence of the newly elected officers of the Junior Study-Culture Club, officially established on December 31, 19u1. This organization of community-minded high schools are patterned after the adult group and will become a chartered non-profit group, as is the senior group.

The Junior Club's officers are Marilyn Townsend, president; Geneva Bodiford, 1st vice president; Rene Smith, 2nd vice president; Charlotte McMillian, secretary; Brenda Moore, financial secretary; Sue Ann Nelson, treasurer; Mrs David Hayes, advisor. The club meets on the first Saturday of each month in the homes of members.

Activities already planned include style show on January 19, and a taco sale in February. The members will also be involved in the sickle-cell-anemia effort. In addition, the group has tentative plans to adopt a "little sister," an underpriviledged child of elementary school age, who could enjoy and benefit from association with a group of older girls.

The Junior Study-Culture Club will be adding several more members, and is looking for girls who share its goals of personal and community improvement. The club's motto is:

Be yourself.
Be expressive.
Be together.

If you share these goals and ideals, the Junior Study-Culture Club's officers want to hear from you. Also, girls who have done style show modeling and are interested in donating their time to a good cause should contact any of the officers or Mrs David Hayes, advisor.

With the formation of this Study-Culture Club, Saginaw's first chartered black organization, looks forward to an even brighter future of continuous community service.

President's Ball At The Diplomat Club

by CHARLENE COLVIN

The members of the Diplomat Club last Saturday night hosted the first annual Past President's Ball in the club's white-linened dining room. Music for this intimate dinner-dance was by the Bob Lee Trio.

Acting as host for the evening was the Diplomat's past president, John Carter, with his lovely wife, Mrs Frances Moten Carter. Mr Carter was born and educated in Arkansas City, Kansas. He has been a federal employee for many years, both with the Veteran's Administration and the Post Office Department. He has been an active member of Zion Baptist, having recently received an award for 20 years of service with the men's chorus. He is also a dedicated member of the Frontiers Club, and was named "Frontiersman of the Year" the fourth year that award was given. The caaters have two children, Carters and Judy.

The officers for the current year are president, Willie Wilson; vice president, Joe McMillan; treasurer, Al Jernigan; Sergeant-at-arms, John Kelly, Jr.; secretary, James Moore; other members of the board: George Jones, Jr., Willie Hendricks, Richard Conley, Jack McNab, John Kelly, Sr., John Kelly, Jr., Hermon Scott, Bobby Norman, Ed Call, and James Mason.

Remarks by the president, Mr Wilson included encouragement of full participation by members in all club activities, and also hope that everyone will become active in the current membership drive. Master of ceremonies James Moore supported this by adding that no matter what is planned, it cannot materialize without the support of the members.

Board member John Moten also took that opportunity to announce several events being planned by Saginaw Black Charities. These include a bowling tournament, a Miss Black History Week Pageant, and a Black History dance to be called "Afro Affair at the Dip." (More details about these events will appear in further issues of the Valley Star.)

The dinner was buffet style and included sliced ham, turkey, and roast beef, with

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Mr. and Mrs. Carter congratulated for good job as President by James Moore.

Diplomat

many kinds of salads and desserts.

The members of the Diplomat Club plan to make the Past President's Ball an annual fling. Like every first annual event, it had a bit of a hard time getting off the ground, but it did provide a pleasant and enlightening evening. As the year goes by, the Past President's Ball should come to be a lively and well attended traditional event.

Vice President McMillan and guest.

Bobby Womack Preaches

by KAREN WEBB

January 22, 1972 brought to the Saginaw Auditorium Bobby Womack, a very talented writer and singer. Mr Womack moved and grooved the audience with a brilliant and soul stirring performance, which sent many people to their feet and others screaming at the top of their voices.

Mr Womack's stylish appearance, first in a very sharp brown suit and then in a bold red knicker jumpsuit, won the audiences' approval immediately. In both appearances he was clad suitably to match his performance.

He began his performance by singing several songs he had written and others he had published. As he is known as the preacher, preach indeed he did. Bobby Womack started into a monologue preacher style, and went into the unexpected hit song, "That's the Way I Feel About You", which rendered the crowd helpless and in Mr Womack's power.

Comments from the audience proved Bobby Womack to be a very successful performer and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the show.

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Black Police Chief Raps White Judges, Could This Be Saginaw?

BY ROY WILKINS

A Negro police chief serving under a Negro mayor has finally said what had to be said publicly if crime by black criminals is to be decreased and city life made tolerable for both black and white citizens.

Chief Charles Boone of Gary, Ind., (Lake County) is quoted as accusing two Lake County judges of leniency in cases of black burglars and of giving Negro criminals "a license to steal."

"You can't put a black burglar in jail in Lake County and that makes it impossible to protect the black community," Chief Boone said. "If we catch a white burglar in a white community,he will probably go to jail but the courts must either help us with a solution to the crime situation or they become a part of the problem."

The black chief said that a study by his department showed that 90 percent of the Negros charged with robbery and other crimes are "back on the streets committing the same crimes they were arrested for." Chief Boone is not alone in his accusation. Complaints that the courts released those charged with crime have been made in every state. The dockets are crowded, the courts and prison staffs are undermanned. All correctional facilities are jammed.

What makes his complaint different is the clear color line charge, coupled with the widespread belief that black Americans themselves — all black Americans — defend black criminals. Chief Boone is black. Gary's Mayor Richard Hatcher is black. It cannot be said that black city officials are "covering up" for blacks charged with crime.

The specific complaint is that two white judges have failed to function if the alleged criminals are black. Either politics is at work or the two judges (like many another white people) think that repeater black criminality belongs in the Negro community. Chief Boone says they punish white criminals who prey on the white community but do not lift a hand to protect black citizens.

Except for a few voices here and there, Negro citizens have given consent to robbery, muggings, assaults and murder by their silence. They have been intimidated, not only by blacks who inflict reprisals with impunity, but by a curious twisting of the "us blacks together" philosophy which holds that complaining of black criminals is somehow "betraying the race."

This is utter nonsense. One can be proud of being black without embracing every black mugger, rapist, robber, murderer, auto thief, numbers artist, purse snatcher, bomber and knife-weilder as well. The Negro communities need to speak out and to act against Negro criminals. They need to cease trotting out the excuses customarily given for black wrong-doing: "blighted childhood," "Broken homes," "prejudice," "ghetto life," "slum housing," "inferior schools."

In some degree all these are true. Negro Americans should not cease fighting against the evils but they should cease using them to excuse Negro criminality. Black people have been raising themselves by their bootstraps, even when they had no boots. It diminishes the painful sacrifices they have made in overcoming these same obstacles to use them as excuses for black low-lifes.

The Negro community should act for another reason, one as helpful to the black shadyside operator as to the millions of citizens struggling to be upright. Blacks would be committing group suicide if they ever became branded, as a race, as either 100 percent criminal or soft on criminals, for out the window would go better jobs, schooling and housing.

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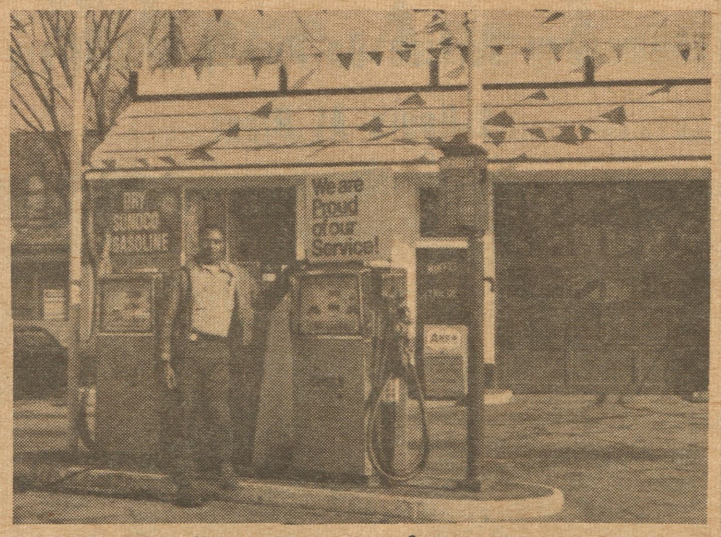

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WHEREAS, This need for blood is growing constantly and is often critical during the early weeks of a new year when it is vitally important that safe and adequate supplies of blood be available; and

WHEREAS, There is much that Saginaw citizens can do to answer these needs; and

WHEREAS, President Richard M. Nixon has proclaimed January 1972 as National Volunteer Blood Donor Month; now therefore

I, Paul H. Wendler, Mayor of the City of Saginaw, do hereby proclaim the week of January 23-29, 1972 as

VOLUNTEER BLOOD DONOR WEEK

in the city of Saginaw, and urge all citizens to actively participate in meeting the needs of our local and national blood programs by any or all of the following means:

If you are in good health and between 18 and 66, I ask that you donate a pint of your blood at your local blood bank or collection center, pledge future donations, and support the work of those engaged in this life-saving field.

If you are not a member of a blood donor group, I urge you to join or form such a group and by regular donation assure yourself and your family of any blood you may require, while helping to meet the needs of those unable to donate.

If you cannot give blood, I urge you to volunteer for other tasks in blood collection and transfusion, to help create time and transportation for those who can.

If you are an employer, I ask that you give your employees time to donate and, if circumstances permit, to invite mobile units to your place of business.

If you are in the field of communication, I ask you to join me in saluting and acclaiming our volunteer donors who have so often given blood that others may live; and to help explain the life-death importance of regular blood donation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Saginaw to be affixed this 24th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy two.

(Seal) Paul H. Wendler
Mayor

Young People's Concert

The second Saginaw Young People's Concert will take place on Sunday, January 30, at Arthur Hill High School Auditorium at 3:30 p.m. The Saginaw Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Gideon Grau will present a program entitled, "Baton, Beat and Melody."

Some of the selections included in the program are "The Golliwogg's Cake Walk" by Claude Debussy, "Perpetuum Mobile" by Johann Strauss II and the "Pathetique" by Tschaikovsky.

A special feature which is sure to delight the children in the audience will be the musical story of "Tubby the Tuba" by George Fleinsinger.

Winner of the young people's vocal competition, Gene Sager of Freeland, will be the featured soloist. He will sing the aria "Della sus pace" from Don Giovanni by Mozart.

Tickets for the concert may be obtained by writing the Saginaw Symphony Office, 227 S. Washington, Saginaw 48607. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the concert. Adults $1.50; children $1.00.

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Public Service Announcement

The public is cordially invited to attend the week long opening sessions of a program entitled "Black and Chicano Emphasis 72" at Martha Longstreet School, 504 Carroll Street. This program will be in progress throughout the school year and will concern itself with providing enriching social and cultural activities for the students and community of Longstreet School.

The following list of activities are scheduled from February 1 to February 3, 1972.

Tuesday, February 1, 1972:
Assembly Program — Open to Public, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Speaker, Art Smith, Director, Poverty People's Alliance, Open Rap Session, open to public 3:30 - 5:30.

Wednesday, February 2, 1972:

Film Festival and rap session 3:30 - 5:30. Open to the public. Rap Leader, Franklin M. Gary, Director, Community Affairs Dept.

Thursday, February 3, 1972:
3:30 - 5:30 p.m., Listening Session (Black Poetry and Music), Rap Leader, Father Joseph Weathersby, Director of Urban Affairs Episcopal Diocese.

Everyone is invited. Come out and support our black and chicano youth.

Coordinated by Mrs Angeline H. Vernon, Elementary Career Advisor; Larry Jones, Teachers Aide; Principal Albert Zackrie Jr.; Added attraction: Minority Art Exhibits on loan by Delta College and Valley Star.

Record Crowd Sees Golden Gloves Opener

A record opening night crowd of 2,842 braved a night of sleet, storm and high wind and watched 5 TKO's and 9 decisions in 14 amateur boxing bouts as the 1972 Regional Golden Gloves started Monday, January 24 at the new Saginaw Civic Center.

The bouts will continue with the second night of eliminations on January 31 with most of last year's champions in the heavier weight divisions in action.

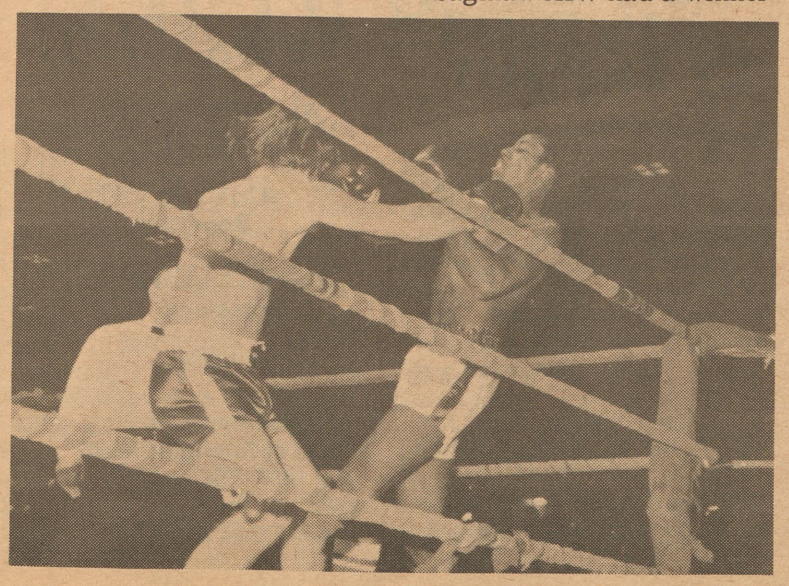
Alpena led the winners the first night of fighting with 6 winners in 6 bouts. Edward Chojnacki, Tim Holsworth, Lonnie Seres, Dan Holsworth, Bruce Courtney and Kim Valley all advanced to the second round of eliminations.

The First Ward Community Center Team was led by Abram Murray and Fred Barron.

St. Louis had winners in Raul Ariste, Lee Fabela and Victor Ortiz Jr.

Saginaw AIW had a winner in John Barrero, Port Huron in Joe Curry and Lufkin Complex in George Coronado.

George Coronado of the Lufkin Complex Team and Randy Tomlinson of Port Huron were awarded the trophies for the best fight of the night, and George will be back Monday night to try to advance to the semi-finals.



The second night of eliminations will start promptly at 8 p.m. on January 31, preceded by entertainment provided by the Buena Vista High School Band.

The semi-finals will be held on February 7 and the finals will be held on February 12 at the new Saginaw Civic Center. Tickets for the three remaining nights of amateur boxing are on sale at the Civic Center, Goddeyne's Sporting Goods Store in Bay City and Lee Travel Bureaus in Saginaw and Midland.

Prices of admission are $3, ringside; $2.50, loge (reserved); $2 balcony and $1, student.

Hey Parents Where Are You?

by LARRY J. JONES

I have often wondered where the parents of our students are hiding. Whenever there's a meeting I only find a few attending. Why? Why aren't there enough parents present to find out what's happening at school?

Do parents know they have the right to find out what their child is learning in school? Are they aware that they can find out if the teachers are doing their job effectively? Do they know that they have the right to work along with the staff towards bettering the education situation. Do parents know that they can be a great help to the teachers, students and school, only if they get involved. Do parents know that much can be benefited through establishing a working relationship with our schools.

I wonder if they realize this. I'm willing to bet that if more parents decided to come to school more often that a big change will occur and it will be a change for the better. Besides what can one lose. There's always something to learn at school.

Our children are very precious and we should try to insure them the best. In order to get the best you've got to know what's happening. We can't afford not to know what's occurring in our schools, because we have the life of our nation there. This world is indeed a cold hand place to live in. So how can we possibly not care about how our kids are being taught to deal with it? Besides when you get old and have to be led around, who do you want to lead you. That leadership is very important. So parents don't hide, come out and join the workers of progressive education. Find out what's happening at your school.

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Special Booster Shot Program Set

For the second year, the Saginaw City Public Health Department will conduct a special booster program in Saginaw public and parochial schools. A single booster shot for diphtheria, tetanus and polio will be given to all fifth graders. Regular school nurses from the department's nursing division will be giving the boosters during January and the early part of February.

The objective of the program is to insure that school children receive their boosters about five years after their initial inoculation. For most youngsters the original shots were given before or during their kindergarten year in school. Diphtheria, tetanus and polio boosters should be given every five years to maintain the body's resistance to these diseases. Often these booster shots are not received after a child is given his "baby shots".

The initial booster program conducted in 1971 concentrated on children in grades 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. A total of 5,532 boosters were given last year. In addition, 544 boosters were given to students and adults above the ninth grade group in the regular city health department immunization clinics during 1971.

The 1972 booster program will be conducted only in the fifth grade since most students above that level were given boosters last year. By repeating the fifth grade booster program every year, we can be sure that every public and parochial school student will be protected through the tenth grade. Upon completion of this year's program that goal will be reached. The program will be repeated every year to maintain that level of protection. This year's program will reach approximately 2,100 children.

As is usual with public health programs carried on in the schools, parental permission must be received before children can be given their boosters. The program has been approved by Dr. Jack Taylor, Saginaw Public School Superintendent and the parochial schools involved. All children in the fifth grade will receive in school a permission slip which must be signed by the parent or guardian and returned if the child is to receive his booster. All shots for fifth graders will be given in school. There is of course, no charge for this service.

Some parents have undoubtedly taken their children to their family physician for this booster shot. Those children in the fifth grade who have had the booster recently, (within the past five years) should not have it again. Parents should keep in mind that there is a difference between the original inoculation and the booster. If the child has only had the inoculation (one of the "baby shots"), he should have the booster in the fifth grade.

Most adults have not kept up their immuczation boosters, even if they were immunized at one time. The booster for diphtheria, tetanus and polio will be available for high school students and older people in the regular health department immunization clinics. Those clinics are:

Tuesdaas — Houghton Clinic, 1608 Johnson, 8:30 - 11:00 a.m., 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays — South End Clinic, Epworth Methodist Church, 2600 S. Washington, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Thursdays — Houghton Clinic, 1608 Johnson, 8:30 - 11:00 a.m., 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Fridays — Audra Francis Center, 2700 Webber, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

As in 1971, the booster program is not related to any imminent public health emergency. During 1970 there was a sharp upswing in the number of diphtheria cases reported; most of these cases occurred in states where immunization levels were low. Saginaw has had no diptheria cases reported since 1958, no tetanus since 1964 and no polio cases reported since 1968. This record of prevention was achieved through the widespread use of vaccines among children especially.

However, the danger of contracting these diseases is still present. People travel a good deal, and other areas of the country may not have nearly as high a level of protection as we have experienced in Saginaw. Those without preventative inoculations and those who have not had a booster in many years may contract diphtheria or polio when they travel to parts of the country where immunization levels are low.

Parents of fifth grade children are strongly urged to sign and return the permission slips their children bring home from school, or if they prefer take their children to their family physician for the diptheria-tetanus-polio booster. Adults, likewise, are asked to attend one of the clinics listed above or see their family physician for the booster. By doing so citizens will be ensuring that Saginaw will continue to be free of these dreaded diseases.

Multi-Purpose Center

Multi-Purpose Center Director, Joyce Brown announces services available in the Multi-Purpose Center. The directors of the Multi-Purpose Center, Joyce Brown would like for you to know that:

A) The Multi-Purpose Center All Purpose Room will be open on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for meeting. Anyone wanting to use the All Purpose Room, for purpose stated above can contact Bob Martin. Please contact 2-3 days ahead of expected use.

B) Senior Citizens have in operation a small cafeteria, which sells coffee and doughnuts. It's located in the basement of the building. In the near future they hope to have short order meals and eventually 'Meals on Wheels.' As of the present they mainly service the personnel within the building.

C) To the recipient of the services located within the MPC. We, the MPC Staff and Agencies, would like to urge you to come in and use the service available to you. Don't sit at home and wonder if we're servicing the community, if you have a problem relating to the Agencies below, or problems that don't. Come in and we'll see what can be done. There are other sources that may be able to help you.

Information collected by Ollie Montgomery, Information Referral Speciaaist.

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My Neighbors

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Afro Of The Week

Craig Bryant of 325 North 16th is the 8-month-old son of Mrs Rhonda Bryant. He is shown here enjoying his pony ride and pacifier while his rapidly growing afro receives much attention.

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43 Addicts Get Help In GM Plant

by ARMAND GERBERT

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Help versus a possible pink slip is the big choice being offered to narcotics addicts employed at the General Motors Corp. Detroit Diesel Allison Division.

Anonymity of the drug user is the key to the program, which has gained nation-wide attention — particularly in industry. It was started nearly two years ago.

No one except the plant doctor knows who the employe-addict is. His identity is kept from all personnel, supervisory and management heads.

Dr Robert G. Wienek, the plant medical director, expresses "amazement" at the program's growing success but cautions that "real success rests on the long-term effect."

However, he enthusiastically reports that several of the 43 employes — all men and the majority of them heroin addicts — who have enrolled voluntarily in the program are now considered "clean" and more successes are expected.

The project the physician convinced management to accept in April 1970, operates on a cooperative confidential basis.

Through the plant newspaper, the 44-year-old Dr Wiene promised addicts they could receive help with a guarantee of anonymity and the assurance that their jobs would not be in jeopardy if they are determined to be rehabilitated.

In a confidential consultation, the employe with a drug problem is told about drug withdrawal, the use of the methadone treatment, the values of group psychotherapy and what he must do to help himself.

Through the cooperation of such agencies as the Detroit Urban League and the Mayor's Committee on Human Resources and Development, the employe is then referred to a drug clinic for treatment.

Progress reports are forwarded to Dr Wieneck who also has regular consultations with the employe.

The doctor said the idea for the project arose in 1969, based on the premise that an addict under treatment can continue to work productively and that as long as he is employed he is not a liability to society.

At the time, a sharp increase was detected in the number of addicts among job applicants who were required to take pre-employment physicals. Telltale evidence, such as needle marks on arms, were clues. Urinalysis confirmed suspicions.

Such applicants, of course, were rejected.

"But I began to wonder how many got by us and were employed at the plant," Dr Wiencek said.

"Generally, the addicts at the plant are not of the hard core set," he said. "Their habit — which can cost from $20 to $75 or $100 a day — is relatively new and they're still functioning in society. Catch them early and the chances are good that they can be kept from becoming hard-core addicts who resort to crime to support their habits."

One advantage of the plant program, the doctor said, is the use of "friendly coersion." Through the project's follow-up procedures the employe-addict soon realizes that he has to be rehabilitated or he's out of a job.

"A man who admits he has a drug problem, is a courageous person. Remember he has a lot at stake and, understandably he thinks he's taking a large enough gamble to make such an admission," Dr Wiencek said.

During the first three months of the program, only two persons volunteered for it. A month later five others joined. Now hardly a week goes by without at least one person seeking assistance.

"We now have three persons who have been 'clean' for the past four months," Dr Wiencek reported, "and at least 50 percent of the others are on the same path."

Since he initiated the program, Dr Wiencek said he has addressed numerous agencies and industries about its operation. He commented, "we're still not positive that our methods should be copied and remember, we are dependent on good community facilities. Everything depends on the long-term effects, our project is still young. But we're hopeful confident.

Claytor Branch Library To Re-Open

How many of us are making use of our Claytor Branch Library? I visited the Claytor Branch Library Monday, January 24 and was amazed at the wide variety of books that they have, that I will mention again for now let's see what challenges the library has met during its periods of adjustment.

The Claytor Branch Library was only a bookmobile to start with, however, it was not large enough or efficient enough to service all those interested. In the year 1957, a building was acquired for the city to start a branch library.

Originally the library was open only two days a week and as participation increased, so did library days and within a year there were five operating library days.

Urban renewal moved in the neighborhood and many settled families that were familiar with the library moved out thus decreasing the participation and the days of its operation. It eventually closed.

Claytor Library announces the reopening of its facilities January 31, 1972. It will serve the neighborhood on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:30 to 5:30. It is proud of its addition, they have acquired more books of all sorts. More periodicals, and adult books have come in and are still coming in. They carry also, books for those who have reading difficulties and the children's supply of books is unlimited. The library holds story book classes for various schools who want to participate in the mornings.

A library card from any of the branch libraries may be used to obtain books and books may also be returned to any of the branch libraries. All overdue books are one cent per week per book, and all unpaid fines prior to July '70 are cancelled. Books taken out by children may be out for two weeks and adults four weeks.

If information is wanted that is not readily available, Claytor Library will send for it. The workers try to make reading enjoyable and if someone comes in with no particular materials in mind, they try to find the person's interest and thus they have another satisfied customer.

Claytor Library also announces their vast assortment of books on Black History and by black authors. They carry black history encyclopedias, Negro history bulletins, Ebony magazine and an index to all the magazines.

Claytor Library invites you to come and make use of your neighborhood library.

4-H TV Program

Beginning Friday, January 28, 1972, over 7,000 youngsters in Saginaw County will take part in a 4-H TV Environmental Conservation Program. This program sponsored by the Saginaw County 4-H Extension Service (Michigan State University) will be aired on WUCM television channel 19, Delta College on Tuesday's from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and on Friday's from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The show will continue for 20 weeks.

The series of television Environmental Conservation Program are introduced by two puppets with a personality from classroom television, presenting the ideas for the day. Each week's program will focus on a specific topic, relating to Environment and Conservation.

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Examination: Applicants must successfully pass a written exam, oral examination, psychiatric interview, physical performance test, and medical examination. Written exam will be given January 27, 1972 at 8:15 a.m. in the Parks Building, Lunch Room. Physical Agility Exam will follow the written examination.

Application Procedure: Apply now at Personnel Department, Room 104, City Hall, on or before 5:00 p.m., January 26, 1972.

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Must become a city resident within three months after employment.

Will consist of an interview and review of background. Applications will be screened and candidates considered best qualified will be invited for interview.

Apply: E. H. Potthoff Jr., City Manager, City Hall, Saginaw, Michigan. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. All applications will be considered confidential.

People Speak

Need Help On Dope Problem

Mr R. L. Sledge of 1220 Casmier says that people should try and get together to solve the dope problem. R. L. feels the parents should get more interested in what their children's needs are. "There is no one who can control a child better than his parents. Mr Sledge commented on the school's new principal, he thinks Mr Nuckolls is trying to get the school back to the standards which it was noted for in the past years. Many parents should be able to see the progress.

Hopes Program Will Continue

Mrs James O. Johnson of 2423 Needham thinks that Model Cities is really doing its job helping the people of the Model Neighborhood area. She commends Model Cities for the many various programs it has set up like food stamp programs in the Multi-Purpose Center, also the Juvenile Rehabilitation Program, which she is very proud of. Mrs Johnson hopes the program will continue, she feels it is a great help to the community.

Sickle Celled Survey Worthwhile

Mrs Kishna Brown of 26 Alamo, just recently moved to Saginaw and knows of the Model Cities Program through the papers in which she has read only. Mrs Brown stated in her eyesight the program is here to help get jobs, supply convenient services, and to help the people of our Black communities. What quite pleased Mrs Brown was the recent activity on the Sickle Celled Survey, which she feels is a very worthwhile project.

Living In Model Neighborhood Is An Experience

Ramon Rodriquez of 1403 Essling feels that Model Cities is a nice program. He stated he hasn't had the chance to make much use of the program yet, but maybe he will have a chance to make use of it one day. Ramon stated living in the Model Neighborhood is an experience. He is married and just had a two-month-old baby. Ramon did say he enjoys reading the Valley Star because it is very informative.

There Is A Need For Black Programs

Mrs L. J. Williams of 1508 Essling expressed her feelings of Valley Star to be quite delightful. She feels the paper is here to inform the public and it is doing just that. Mrs Williams stated she isn't that familiar with the Model Cities Program, but she is sure that there is a need for Black Programs for the Black people of our community.

Color No Handicap

State Trooper

By Barbara A. Lenoir

Michigan State Trooper James L. Simmons lives in a rigid, demanding world and because he is a trooper, his personal life and thoughts are just as well-ordered.

Trooper Simmons, who was in Saginaw to recruit new officers, laid it on the line: the Michigan State Police need men, the best they can find.

Trooper Simmons, one of six black men on the state force, joined in 1969. Although the life of a state police officer is a special one, Trooper Simmons has lost contact with the outside world. He said, "I am aware of myself as a black man, but it does not interfere with my life as a trooper."

Handsome, easy to talk to, Simmons is always a police officer. He answers questions with questions, more out of habit than curiosity.

Like most of his fellow troopers, Simmons is an extra special officer. The State Police are the "US Marines" of law enforcement in Michigan. The standards are high and the men get more intensive training than the policemen in other branches of the service.

To get the best, requirements are high — only men between 21 and 30 can apply; they must be at least 5 feet, 9 inches tall; they can't weigh more than 240 or less than 150 pounds; they must have a high school diploma or have passed the General Education Development tests; their traffic records must be above reproach, and their personal credit records unblemished.

They must pass an agility test, a written test, an oral interview, a physical examination and a background investigation.

If they meet those standards, they attend a 13-week course in police work in Lansing. The trooper is on probation for one year. That probation period starts the first day of training school.

Trooper Simmons said, "For a qualified applicant, the state force is the place to be. The job is reliable and rewarding, it offers a lifetime career with retirement at 56 or in 25 years.

Official recruiting started Aug. 30, Simmons said. "We are particularly interested in minority recruits. There are so few on the force, people are actually surprised when they meet me.

"Most young men see the State Police force as something beyond their reach. This is not so for qualified applicants."

Each day for a trooper starts early and usually ends late. Trooper Simmons as a recruiter in the personal division in East Lansing, is on the road constantly selling the organization to young men who see themselves as future troopers.

Remarkable Little Guy

Cephus Clinton Choice, age two years, son of Mr and Mrs Benny Choice of 3509 Fulton, is a remarkable little man.

Little Choice can say the Pledge of Allegiance, count to 50, and he can say his ABC's. Cephus now attends Kiddie Castle Day Care Center and is getting along just fine with the other children his age.

Should We Tell It Like It Is?

BY HELEN E. HALL

Recently it was my good fortune to meet a young black student, who had come to Michigan on a workstudy college program. He works in Michigan, but attends college in Kentucky where he will earn his degree and settle down.

During our discourse on many subjects, I learned his ambitions and ideas and his general feelings regarding his black brothers and sisters' contribution to this new great society. He remarked about the difference in the crime rate between the north and south; that southern families and neighbors were closer together. This apparently sensitive young man was surprised that on a college campus claiming 3,000 blacks in its student body, he was threatened by those blacks for talking to a girl because she was an "outsider."

As with most college students, he knew the direction in which he was headed, but felt uncertain about Black Progress — the Black Future as a whole. In essence he could not measure a struggle for progress among Blacks in an atmosphere of disunity among Blacks. I was northern born and reared, but I heartily agree with him.

Let's think about it for a moment. With all the opportunities available to us we cannot continue to claim discrimination as a barrier to our advancement — even though it does exist. Our greatest barrier is ourselves. We do not communicate, cooperate, or just plain help one another enough.

The observation by non-Blacks is that we "don't stick together" — "we are our worst enemies." If we are honest with ourselves, we will admit it and begin to change that stereotype.

How many civil rights groups have we seen come and go due to lack of cooperation from its members? Each group is competitive with the other, and anxious to take credit for another's efforts. There has been so much dissension and chaos over the "right approach to end racism" that eventually groups fell apart. New ones sprung up with the same people involved, but the results seem to be the same — nothing gained.

Black service clubs, social clubs, and sororities announce annual scholarships perhaps to one or more persons, but what of so many others who need more than money — or who need to know someone cares about them personally? Much is being done for the exceptional child, but what of those who need guidance and reassurance at an early age? Should we continue to give them a loaf of bread, and consider our job well done?

Blacks are employed in responsible positions all over our cities. In labor unions, unions in all facets, schools, government, social agencies, etc and in many job situations, their greatest concern is their job — not what they in the performance of that job, can do as an individual for the black brother and sister — especially the young.

I, like my young friend, am disturbed by Black disunity when:

Black union members are pitted against one another;

A black teacher tells a black student, who is attempting to sell her the first edition of his school paper, "No, I ain't gonna buy y'alls paper, ain't no good."

When a black foster parent worries herself to tears because one of her foster children needs psychiatric help and the bla[illegible] uthorities won't help them.

When black social workers don't do the full job.

When black people are displaced in housing with little reassurance by blacks in communication positions.

When, we blacks complain so about discrimination that we lose our initiative.

When blacks do not support their leaders.

When we discover we have a black informant to "Mr Charlie".

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Blacks Need To Develop Resourcefulness

BY JUNE BROWN GARNER

After Martin Luther King's death in 1968, the black middle-class faltered, leaderless and quiet while voices of violence and hatred were loud and strong. But his death and thousands of other violent deaths, through political reasons, crime or war, reconvinced many Americans that non-violence is not a dream and peace is a necessity.

In "Where Do We Go From Here," (Harper & Row, April, 1967), the last book he wrote before he died, Dr. King said that the black man's problem in America is that he has suffered over 300 years of racial injustice and deprivation, yet he is expected to be just as resourceful, productive, and responsible as the white man.

The first step he advised us to use was to develop a sense of "somebodyness" and I believe that once we develop this, it will be the most powerful weapon in the arsenal of black freedom.

In spite of being told "black is beautiful," "be black and proud," and similar slogans, not enough black people believe it. One young black man told me, "We ghetto blacks are inferior to black Southereners and Africans — our only mission in life is to destroy."

The burden of changing attitudes such as these falls to the black middle-class which has often been accused of being an observer of racial progress, not a participant. But the black middle-class knows that poverty and racism go together like ham and eggs and as long as the masses of black folk are poor, racism is here to stay.

Because of this knowledge, middle-class blacks have quietly switched from the trivial to the meaningful, from inaction to dedication and nearly every black person is doing something to improve the condition of our people.

I agree with Dr. King, whom I greatly admired and respected, that not only is there extreme pressure on blacks to be resourceful, productive, and responsible but we blacks greatly need to develop these qualities.

However, in the ghetto, there is one factor that deliberately prevents black people from acquiring these characteristics and that is welfare.

Some of the commonly agreed-on goals of black liberation include:

The elimination of racism in all aspects of our lives.

The elevation of our people from poverty.

The return of the black man as head of the family.

Respect for black womanhood.

Quality education for our children.

The elimination of drugs from our lives.

Peace and unity among ourselves.

Pride in ourselves, based on knowledge of black history and culture.

Welfare is in conflict with black liberation in almost every imaginable way. It does nothing to eliminate racism from our lives and it does not lift our people out of poverty — it holds them in it. The black man's position as head of the family crumbled with the first ADC check and has never been re-established, and furthermore, many welfare families no longer expect quality educations for their children. Most of the remaining goals of black liberation are weakened by the effects of welfare in our lives.

In the days of slavery, the master determined whether a black couple could marry. Today welfare determines it, for if the woman stands to lose part of her check, she often stays single.

Black morality has been completely changed by welfare and the commandment "Thou Shalt Not Steal" has been changed to "Thou Shalt Not Get Caught" since welfare sues recipients who work but not those who steal.

But welfare's greatest threat to equality and justice is that it teaches people how to live without freedom.

Freedom not only includes riding in front of the bus and being able to vote, it should also include the right to earn a living, expressed by means of a job.

Welfare further hampers relations between the races, with whites accusing blacks accuse whites of hogging all the jobs for themselves.

With thousands of blacks and whites unemployed, now is the time to implement a realistic job program which would not only be good for the economy but would have a beneficial effect on race relations.

It's hard to be black and proud when no one is working and there's no money or food. But it's easier to feel resourceful, productive and responsible, when one has the dignity and security of a job.

The Fight Goes On

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Joyce's Place

Today I would like to introduce to some, present to others Miss Carlene Gill. I am sure that many of the Valley Star readers are friends and fans of Carlene. Born and raised in Ferndale, Michigan, Carlene came to Saginaw in 1961. She is the daughter of Mrs Elise Gill and the late Norman Thomas Gill. This very talented and strikingly beautiful young lady had modeled professionally all over the country with the very well known Idlewild Review. During the years of 1958 and 1959, she held the title of Bronze Beauty in Detroit, Michigan and Miss Surf Club in Windsor, Canada.

Miss Gill is a 1965 graduate of the All American Beauty School here in Saginaw where she took her first training in beautification of the hair and in cosmetology. In this field she furthered her education by attending and graduating from the Virginia Ferrell Beauty School and received her teachers' degree from the Mary Hall Academy. Both of these fine schools are located in Detroit. Miss Gill has also received various certificates in New York for hairstyling. The year of 1967 was a very big one for Miss Gill because this was when she first opened her "Carlene's Beauty Salon" in its present location. Since opening her salon, Miss Gill has been asked many times to help young ladies by conducting charm classes. She has conducted these classes for the young ladies who participated in the Debutante Ball, a yearly event sponsored by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and other different organizations. In past year, Miss Gill has taken several days off from her work to donate time to Saginaw High School and talk with girls

MISS CARLENE GILL

about beauty care and improving their looks. She instructed them on the proper care of the hair, skin, nails; a short but good course in good grooming. Some helpful hints in being a "charming lady" were also given. Being quite a fashionable person, Miss Gill along with Mrs Lula Foster are promoters of a yearly fashion show that really goes over big with the people here in Saginaw. The main feature of the fashion show is the exciting "Raphael" and his lovely models from the city of Detroit. This year the fashion show featured Rack's Originals — new clothing designs and creations by the very talented and together "Rack" of Detroit.

While sitting in Carlene's Beauty Salon watching Miss Gill arrange and create hairstyles for her customers, I noticed the very pleasing, self-satisfied look appear on her face which prompted me to ask Carlene if she really loved "fixin' hair"? With a very pleasant smile but in a very serious voice, Carlene said that this profession was "her thang", and it was something that she really loved doing. She said she liked pleasing the ladies by making them look their natural best by arranging their hair in a style that is becoming to them. Besides loving to work, Miss Gill likes going to the horse races, keeping up on current fashion trends and designs, making new friends and just plain having a dynamite time like everyone else.

Chow.

Joyce

Delayed Enlistment Announced By Coast Guard

The United States Coast Guard Recruiting Office, Saginaw, has announced the establishment of a new enlistment program whereby individuals may enlist in the Coast Guard and delay commencement of active duty up to six months. This program is intended for, but not limited to, high school seniors who are within six months of graduation.

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Correction

The Martin Luther King committee chairman was Jacqueline Wyman, who really put forth a lot of effort for the event.

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